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| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the ments is | | | | | |
| closed in accordance with the practice under E | x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45 | 33 O.G. 213. | | | |
| Disposition of Claims | · | | | | |
| 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected. | | | | | |
| 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☒ Claim(s) <u>1-22</u> are subject to restriction and/or example. | election requirement. | | | | |
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| 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the prior application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of | s have been received. s have been received in Application ity documents have been receive n (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). | on No ed in this National Stage | | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-13 and 17-22, drawn to the method of making a microelectronic

device, classified in class 29, subclass 846.

II. Claims 14-16, drawn to a microelectronic device, classified in class 335,

subclass 78.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The

inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the

process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2)

that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process

(MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another

and materially different process such as lithography, chemical vapor deposition (CVD),

etching, etc...

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have

acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction

for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the

search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination

purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Rojas whose telephone number is (571) 272-1998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:00), every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin G. Enad can be reached on (571) 272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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